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IDOT & CN Railroad Reach Agreement on the Construction of two Bridges in Lynwood and Aurora

Chicago-The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced today that it has reached an agreement with CN Railroad and is moving forward with the construction of two new bridges carrying US Route 30 (Lincoln Highway) in Lynwood and US Route 34 (Ogden Avenue) in Aurora over the CN/Elgin Joliet & Eastern (EJE) Railroad crossings.

In December of 2008, the Surface Transportation Board (STB) ordered that bridges at these two locations would need to be built as a condition of allowing CN to acquire the EJ&E Railway Company. The STB stipulated that CN would be required to participate in the funding of the bridges while IDOT would be the lead agency responsible for constructing the bridges.

The agreement concluded months of planning and design relative to the final bridge configuration at each location. The Department is looking to initiate construction of these two projects in the spring of 2014, with construction activities anticipated to be substantially completed in the fall 2016. Once completed, these improvements will significantly increase safety and mobility, reduce congestion and improve traffic flow in and around these two locations.